

Political Risk in Emerging Markets Training Course

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Political Science and International Relations	Duration	5 Days
Base Fee	\$1,500 USD	Delivery Mode	Online / On-site Hybrid

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Course Objectives

- Learn to identify and analyze macro-level **geopolitical risks** and their impact on business operations.
- Master the quantitative and qualitative tools for assessing **country risk** in emerging markets.
- Develop advanced skills in **political forecasting** and **scenario planning** to anticipate future developments.
- Understand how to identify and mitigate risks from **regulatory changes**, **sanctions**, and **expropriation**.
- Analyze and manage **social instability**, **civil unrest**, and security threats.
- Build a robust framework for gathering and interpreting **strategic intelligence** from diverse sources.
- Formulate effective **crisis management** and **contingency planning** strategies.
- Learn legal and practical methods for protecting **foreign direct investment (FDI)** and assets.
- Integrate **environmental, social, and governance (ESG)** factors into political risk analysis.
- Understand the unique **political economy** of key emerging and frontier markets.
- Utilize **political risk data** and **analytics** to inform strategic decisions.
- Implement a range of **risk mitigation** techniques, including political risk insurance and local partnerships.
- Develop comprehensive **business continuity plans** to ensure operational resilience in high-risk environments.

Organizational Benefits

- Equip leadership with the tools to make more informed decisions by integrating political risk into strategic planning, M&A, and market entry strategies.
- Build a more resilient organization capable of withstanding unexpected political shocks and maintaining business continuity.
- Safeguard valuable assets and investments from political events such as expropriation, nationalization, or contract repudiation.
- Gain a first-mover advantage by identifying and capitalizing on opportunities in markets where competitors are deterred by political uncertainty.
- Minimize financial losses by proactively managing political risks, including currency volatility, sanctions, and sovereign default.
- Protect the organization's reputation and brand by effectively navigating complex socio-political issues and conflicts.
- Strengthen corporate governance and compliance frameworks by ensuring adherence to evolving international regulations and sanctions regimes.

Target Audience

1. Risk Management Professionals.
2. Corporate Strategy Executives.
3. Investment Managers & Analysts.
4. Business Development Managers.
5. Security and Operations Managers.
6. Government & Public Affairs Specialists.
7. Legal and Compliance Officers.
8. Project Finance Professionals.

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Module 1: Foundations of Political Risk in Emerging Markets

- Defining **Political Risk**: Distinguishing between country, sovereign, and political risk.
- **Emerging Market Dynamics**: Understanding the unique political, economic, and social characteristics of developing economies.
- The **Political Economy**: Exploring how political decisions influence economic outcomes and vice versa.
- Historical Context: Examining major political events and their impact on global business and finance.
- Case Study: **The Arab Spring**: Analyzing the political and business fallout from social unrest in the Middle East and North Africa.

Module 2: Analytical Frameworks and Methodologies

- Quantitative Analysis: Using indices, data models, and metrics to measure political risk.
- Qualitative Analysis.
- Scenario Planning.
- Red Teaming.
- Case Study: **The Venezuelan Crisis**: A deep dive into the impact of government instability, hyperinflation, and sanctions on multinational corporations.

Module 3: Strategic Intelligence and Information Gathering

- Sourcing Strategic Intelligence.
- Open-Source Intelligence (OSINT).
- Human Intelligence (HUMINT) insights.
- Early Warning Systems: Building a system to detect and respond to emerging political signals.
- Case Study: **Russia's Invasion of Ukraine**: Analyzing how geopolitical intelligence and sanctions changed the global business environment.

Module 4: Managing Regulatory and Policy Risk

- Regulatory Risk: Navigating complex and often opaque regulatory environments.
- Expropriation & Nationalization.
- Sanctions & Trade Wars.
- Contract Risk.
- Case Study: **China's Technology Sector Crackdown**: Examining the impact of new regulations on foreign companies and investors.

Module 5: Addressing Social and Security Threats

- Social Unrest & Civil Strife.
- Security Risk.
- Cyber-Political Risk.
- Reputation & ESG Risk.
- Case Study: **The Hong Kong Protests**: A look at how social movements and civil unrest disrupted business operations and supply chains.

Module 6: Financial and Economic Risks

- Currency & Financial Risk.
- Sovereign Default.
- Economic Nationalism.
- Corruption Risk.
- Case Study: **Argentina's Debt Crises**: An exploration of the long-term impact of fiscal instability and political decisions on the national economy and investors.

Module 7: Risk Mitigation and Strategic Response

- Risk Mitigation Strategies.
- Crisis Management & Communication.
- Business Continuity Planning.
- Engaging with Stakeholders.
- Case Study: **The COVID-19 Pandemic**: Examining how different governments' political responses affected business operations and supply chains worldwide.

Module 8: Future Trends and Applied Case Studies

- The Future of Political Risk.
- AI and Analytics: Leveraging cutting-edge technologies for political risk analysis.
- Peer-to-Peer Learning.
- Live Case Study Session.
- Case Study: **The BRICS Expansion**: A forward-looking analysis of the geopolitical and economic implications of the BRICS bloc's growth.

Training Methodology

This course uses a highly interactive and practical training methodology. It combines expert-led lectures with group discussions, case studies, and hands-on exercises. The approach is designed to foster a deep understanding of concepts and their real-world application. We utilize a mix of:

- **Interactive Lectures**: Concise, theory-based sessions led by experienced geopolitical and risk analysts.
- **Practical Case Studies**: In-depth analysis of historical and current events to illustrate key concepts.
- **Group Discussions & Workshops**: Collaborative sessions for participants to share insights and develop solutions.
- **Simulations & Role-Playing**: Hands-on exercises to practice crisis management and scenario planning.
- **Action Planning**: Participants develop a personalized action plan to apply their new skills to their own organizational context.

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Certification

Upon successful completion of this training, participants will be issued with a globally- recognized certificate.

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Key Notes

- a.** The participant must be conversant with English.
- b.** Upon completion of training the participant will be issued with an Authorized Training Certificate
- c.** Course duration is flexible and the contents can be modified to fit any number of days.
- d.** The course fee includes facilitation training materials, 2 coffee breaks, buffet lunch and A Certificate upon successful completion of Training.
- e.** One-year post-training support Consultation and Coaching provided after the course.
- f.** Payment should be done at least a week before commencement of the training, to Fineskill Training Center account, as indicated in the invoice so as to enable us prepare better for you.

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